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West Hollywood Man Pleads to 2017 Ax Attack at Convenience Store

A West Hollywood man entered a no contest plea today for attacking a victim with an ax at a convenience store in 2017, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Shane Michael said Kisu Brown, 43, entered the plea to one count of attempted voluntary manslaughter.

Brown also admitted inflicting great bodily injury on the victim during the commission of the crime and using an ax as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Sentencing is scheduled Aug. 29 in Department W82 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. The defendant faces more than nine years in state prison.

On Sept. 2, 2017, Brown was confronted by a clerk at a West Hollywood convenience store for shoplifting. A man in the store became involved in the dispute, the defendant then confronted him and a struggle ensued inside the store, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing.

Brown then exited the establishment but stopped outside the door. When the man left the store, the defendant attacked him with an ax and struck him repeatedly, including on the head, the prosecutor said.

Case SA096420 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, West Hollywood Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.